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I hold a Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Pennsylvania

Although I am currently retired, my previous research involved travel all over the world, and included diving off the Antarctic shelf to study marine fauna.

As a former Adjunct Assistant Professor at Rider University, I taught basic Environmental science, as well as Geology courses.

Therefore, the INEEL's problems with waste disposal, both stored mixed hazardous and tru contaminated waste AND SEPARATELY, the underground High level wastes, have caused me some concern. *(these issues are separate but parallel - problems with WAC with the WAC)*

**WY is the Geology State. Our economy is driven by our underground of resources i.e., Uranium, natural gas, oil, and coal. All of these sources of energy have their own sets of problems. We have some of the finest geologists and engineers in the country. *I am totally not anti-nuclear.* There is a need for nuclear power at this point in time because we have not solved pollution problems associated with the utilization of fossil fuels. Solar and wind power sources still remain in a state of research and development.

**However, dealing with the radioactive waste effectively remains a national problem. The problems at Hanford are *comparable if not greater* ~~more serious~~ *than* INEEL's difficulties. We do not wish to see INEEL become another Hanford.



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[**Good science is a result of interaction between opposing points of view. *I and other concerned scientists* ~~and~~ would like to hold a technical forum with outside scientists and engineers interacting with the DOE scientists. If we can participate in neutral territory, perhaps we can evaluate the best options in collaboration, rather than opposition.

*To DOE - this is a challenge
(science is a universal language)*

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